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15 In re application of DAVID M. SINGLETON, LOUIS KRAVETZ, BRENDAN D. MURRAY 20 Serial No. 09/655,964 Group Art Unit: 1751 Filed September 6, 2000 Examiner: N. Ogden HIGHLY BRANCHED PRIMARY ALCOHOL 25 March 7, 2003 COMPOSITIONS, AND BIODEGRADABLE DETERGENTS MADE THEREFROM ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS 30 Washington, DC 20231 Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the Office action of September 9, 2002 the following amendments and remarks are submitted.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as provided in clean form as follows. A markedup version of the claims is provided on the attached separate page to show changes relative to the previous version of the claims shown by strikethrough for deletion and underlining for addition.

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